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Latest News

[September Tax Revenues Continue Higher than Expected](#)

According to the Independent Fiscal Office and state Department of Revenue, state General Fund collections for September totaled \$3.26 billion and were \$347.7 million (11.9 percent) higher than anticipated. [Read full story.](#)

Federal Judge Reinstates Pennsylvania Gathering Limits

Yesterday, a judge from the United States 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily restored the crowd gathering limitations that were imposed by Governor Wolf and ruled unconstitutional by a federal district judge last month. The appeals court's order reinstates the 25 indoor/250 outdoor limits for Pennsylvania until the court issues its final ruling. There is no timetable for that ruling.

Trump Signs Stopgap Budget

President Donald Trump has signed a stopgap budget that will keep the federal government funded at 2020 levels through December 11. The measure was passed with

bipartisan support by the U.S. Senate a few hours before a shutdown was to take effect.

US House Passes COVID Relief Package

In a party-line vote, the US House passed a new COVID 19 relief package to put a “vehicle” in place for a final package being negotiated with the White House that will include billions in aid for local governments. Without a breakthrough, no aid bill is expected to be signed into law before the Nov. 3 election. [Click here](#) to read more.

Legislation & Policy



The House was scheduled to be in session on October 1, but cancelled due to a member testing positive for COVID-19. The House is scheduled to return to session on October 19. The Senate is scheduled to return to session on Monday, October 5.

Learn

2020 TEMA Fall Forum - Virtual - 10/8-9/20

This is a separate 2-day virtual event that is designed to meet the educational needs and busy schedules of all those responsible for your municipality’s emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and emergency management coordinators (EMCs). [Click here](#) to register and view agenda.



2020 Engineers Virtual Fall Seminar - 10/23/20

This full-day, on-line virtual seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing



a focused overview of important issues of interest to them and their local government clients, all in an easy-to-use virtual classroom setting.

The Township Engineers Association is pleased to offer its members a regular series of educational opportunities to learn more about a broad array of municipal engineering topics from acknowledged subject matter experts. The Fall 2020 Engineers Virtual Educational Seminar will be broadcast using GoToWebinar from the PSATS Education Center direct to your computer. Local registrants are also welcome to attend in person. Eligible for 6 PDHs and/or 6 PMGA Public Works points. [Click here](#) to register.

2020 PAAZO Virtual Fall Seminar - 10/7/20

In this PAAZO (Virtual) Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. The complete agenda will be posted once it is finalized. Eligible for 5 PMGA Planning/Zoning points. Eligible for 5 CZO continuing education points. Eligible for 5 CLE credits (additional fee per credit hour). [Click here](#) to register.



2020 Virtual Fall Solicitors Seminar - 10/21/20

In the Solicitors (Virtual) Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Among the topics to be covered include medical marijuana use in townships, flexible zoning, subdivision and land development solutions, use of force and government oversight of police operations, lessons learned during COVID-19 and a recent case update. Eligible for 5 CLE credits and/or 5 Administrative PMGA points. [Click here](#) to register.



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